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CHIEF HORRORS OF WAR WERE IN THE CLOUDS

NORTH CAROLINIAN WITH A GREAT FLYING RECORD ONE OF THE VICTIMS

Saturday and Sunday All the Terrors of War Were Transferred to the Heavens and All Nations Were Losers — Two Zeppelins Brought Down in England and the Crew of One Burned—Scores of Machines Lost — Young Rockwell of This State Came to His End.

The horrors of the great European war were transferred to the clouds Saturday, Saturday night and Sunday. Kiffin Rockwell, a native of North Carolina, the son of a Baptist minister, and whose mother now lives in Winston, was one of the victims. He was only 24 years old. He and his brother went to France at the breaking out of the war and volunteered. Two huge Zeppelins were brought down in England and more than a score of German, French and English aeroplanes were lost.

The Zeppelins met their fate at the hands of the British anti-aircraft gunners on the Eastern coast of England in Essex, after a fleet of 12 aeroplanes had visited London and other points Saturday night, dropping bombs. One of the machines with its entire crew, was burned in mid-air. The other was brought down damaged and its crew taken prisoner.

In the Metropolitan district of London 28 men, women and children were killed and 99 wounded. Outside of London two persons met death and 11 were injured. Considerable material damage was done by bombs in London and the outlying districts.

Paris reports that French airmen in battle in the air with the Germans in France have accounted for 26 aeroplanes, while Berlin records the bringing down of 24 Entente Allied machines, 20 of them on the Somme front. Five German machines were destroyed by the British Saturday and two others driven down damaged, while five British machines are missing after the combats in the air.

When Zeppelins Were Shot Down.

Of the 12 big Zeppelins which invaded the British Isles Saturday night to deal death and destruction from the skies, two on Sunday lay stark and black masses of steel and aluminum in the little valley of Mangold, Essex county. They fell victims of the anti-aircraft defenses of London and outlying districts.

One came down a flaming torch, as did the Zeppelin L-21, destroyed three weeks ago, while the second, disabled by gun fire, effected a landing which saved the lives of the crew who tonight are prisoners in England. The crew of the first raider died in the consuming flames of their own ship, but they were not so terribly charred as their predecessors.

This latest raider to light her own funeral way on English soil collapsed and was consumed much more quickly than the L-21. It is possible, though, that some of the men were still living when the great vessel struck the ground. The captain's body was found some distance from the wreck.

The death and burning of the first Zeppelin was witnessed by tens of thousands of London's residents but the wounding and descent of the second raider was a matter of doubt until today's official statements were given out. Few details are available of this second raider's condition, but it is reliably reported that the crew surrendered to special constables.

Many who saw the shrapnel bursting like skyrocket about the invader, which subsequently caught fire, think there must have been several direct hits. Many aeroplanes were aloft and attacked the Zeppelins from all sides.

New and Bigger Machines.

London expected the attack of Saturday night, the Germans evidently having selected Saturday for their greatest efforts. But a bright moon deterred any attempt since three weeks ago, when 13 raiders came over the sea. The change from the unlucky 13 to 12 brought, however, worse rather than better luck to the flying squadron.

From the moment the first Zeppelin appeared it was evident that the raiders were of the new and large types. This has been borne out by the two brought down.

One of the burning Zeppelins in falling crashed through a row of trees in Essex, two of which pierced the lattice work of the envelope supports. The village fire engine was quickly on the scene and begun putting water on the blazing wreck.

Police constables and volunteers removed the bodies as rapidly as possible.

Some of these were charred beyond recognition while others were still white and recognizable. All appeared to be young men, well clad and wearing the remnants of stout leather coats and shoes of rather poor quality, which is taken to indicate that good footwear is not plentiful in Germany.

Today thousands of persons journeyed to Essex to view the wrecks, but quick precautions prevented souvenir hunters from making away with everything detachable. There were many sightseers also viewing the damaged outskirts of the city.

From the number of bombs dropped both explosive and incendiary the authorities wonder why the casualties were not greater. The Zeppelins seemed abundantly supplied with ammunition.

The missiles dropped by the hostile aircraft caused numerous fires

and demolished or damaged a large number of residences and stores in London.

Rockwell's Wonderful Record.

Aerial fighting in which Serg. Kiffin Rockwell was mortally wounded Saturday morning by a German aviator took place over the town of Thann. The body of the American aviator fell in reconquered territory in Alsace near the spot where Rockwell shot down his first adversary five months ago.

Rockwell was serving as a volunteer in the Franco-American flying corps on the Verdun front. A few hours previous to the engagement he had been promoted to the rank of second lieutenant but died without knowing of the new honor. He already had received the military medal for shooting down a German two-seater near Hartmans-Wellerkopf in May. He had beaten down another before Verdun and had participated in a thrilling combat in which nearly all the Franco-American flotilla was engaged with a strong German force. He was wounded during the fight by a fragment of shell while engaged alone with three adversaries.

Sergeant Rockwell was one of the first American volunteers to join the Foreign Legion. He was grievously wounded in a bayonet attack at Arras in May, 1915, before being transferred to the flying corps. He was regarded in French aviation circles as an "ace," a name given to the most skillful and daring pilots. Lieut. William Thaw of Pittsburg, before he was wounded, and Rockwell made a formidable fighting pair. They were frequently in the air together and always chasing an adversary.

Rockwell had fought 34 air battles since recovering from his last wound, or an average of more than one a day. When he met his death he was returning from a bombardment expedition in which he flew one of the fighting machines that furnished the escort.

Sergeant Kiffin Rockwell of the Franco-American flying corps, is the second American flyer to be killed in action. Just three months ago on June 24, Corporal Victor Chapman of New York, also a member of the Franco-American corps, was killed at Verdun in a battle with German aeroplanes. Later it became known that Chapman had been brought down by Captain Boelke, Germany's most noted aviator, who only a few days ago was reported to have brought down his twenty-eighth machine.

NEW TIRES OUT OF OLD.

Charlotte Firm Following Example of Monroe Man in Saving Tire Expense.

Some time ago Mr. W. W. Hargett, a plumber of Monroe, found a way to make two old automobile tires do the work of one new one. His plan has been followed by a Charlotte firm, described as follows by the Observer: A new local business that will meet with the approval of practically every automobile owner is the Double Tread Tire Company at 9 West Fourth Street, which is a reclaiming process to combine two old tires into one serviceable tire by machine stitching them together one on top of the other. The stitching practically forms part of the fabric of both tires. This combination of the two tires made into one makes it double puncture proof.

This process of making the one serviceable tire out of two old ones is something that is entirely new in this city, and which will perhaps prove to be very beneficial to the automobile owners. For instance, a person has two old tires on his machine, the rim is worn on one and the top of another is out of commission. This company takes these two tires and places one under the other, stitches them together with a special machine and after some other details, the two old tires come from the concern as one practically new tire. They guarantee these tires to run 2,000 miles and some have run as much as 5,000 miles. In case, however, an automobile owner has only one tire the company can furnish either inside, outside or complete shoe. The manager of this company, W. O. Duncan, stated that this process will save the automobile owner about two-thirds the price of a new tire.

Mr. Duncan has been in the tire business for some time. He hails from Knoxville and he was the man who introduced this process in that city. He states that these made over tires can be seen on a majority of the cars in that city at the present time.

Births.

To Dr. and Mrs. G. M. Smith, Monroe, a daughter, August 26th.

To Mr. and Mrs. Isaac J. Crook, Monroe, a son, Sept. 8th.

To Mr. and Mrs. John Hunter, Monroe township, a son, Sept. 19th.

To Mr. and Mrs. J. Bunyon Gill, Monroe route 3, a daughter, Sept. 21.

To Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Preslar, Monroe, a son, September 22nd.

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Sunday Work.

Peter Short is dead and Sidney Allen is in a High Point hospital not expected to live as the result of an automobile accident which occurred on the Thomasville road, five miles from High Point and two miles from Thomasville early Sunday morning.

The two men were found at the foot of a steep embankment with the car in which they had been riding overturned on top of them, by a passerby who was going along the road about 5 o'clock. Their clothes were saturated with gasoline which had spilled on them from the machine and both were badly blistered.

It is stated that the car which they were driving was seen going through High Point at a high rate of speed about 2 o'clock Sunday morning.

Until several days ago, Short was a pressman on the Greensboro News while Allen is said to be connected with a Thomasville garage.

FARM LOAN ASSOCIATION ORGANIZED IN MECKLENBURG

Applications Made For Loans and Everything Ready as Soon as Bank Is Established.

Who is going to lead off in Union county to get some of the money that the government will lend farmers at six per cent on from 5 to 40 years' time? It can be had just as soon as the general banks are organized. The organization and location of the eight banks which are to supply the county is now taking shape. Charlotte is one of the cities seeking to secure the location of one of the banks. As soon as those banks are organized the farmers may begin to secure money by having their own local organization complete with their application. One of the local associations was organized in Charlotte Saturday.

The members have already subscribed to 310 shares of the capital stock at \$5 a share, par value, and the total applications for farm loans already registered with the new association last night aggregated \$31,000. It is expected that from now on applications for farm loans will continue to be received daily and that by the time the parent bank is located, it is hoped in Charlotte, that there will be on the books ready for disposition and approval, nearly half a million dollars in loan applications for the further development of the agricultural interests of this section.

The directors of the pioneer association elected under the Federal farm loan act, are as follows: J. C. Reid, J. W. Elliott, W. S. Pharr, N. O. Alexander and C. M. Hutchinson. They elected the following officers: President, J. C. Reid; vice-president, W. S. Pharr; secretary and treasurer, H. M. Victor; attorney, Thomas W. Alexander.

The loan committee is as follows: S. D. Faulkner, W. R. Alexander, H. W. Harkey and N. O. Alexander. These men will pass upon the applications of Mecklenburg farmers for loans and those desirous of obtaining such accommodations through the proposed new Federal system, may make application through any member of this committee, the Union National Bank or any officer of the association.

It is regarded in financial circles as a very important step in the future development of the agricultural interests of Mecklenburg county and represents, so far as is known, the first movement of its kind in the two Carolinas. Other counties within the State will probably follow shortly in establishing similar organizations.

Mr. Prospect News.

Correspondence of The Journal.

Mr. Prospect, Sept. 25. — The Starnes reunion, held at the home of Mrs. Malissa Starnes last Saturday, proved to be an enjoyable occasion. A large crowd was present and short talks were made by Messrs. J. C. Laney and F. Belk. The dinner, which was spread on a long table, was a sumptuous affair. Music was furnished by the Prospect band. We wish for this grand old lady many more such birthdays.

Miss Jeannette Plyler of Van Wyck is visiting relatives here.

Miss Nancy Lathan of Monroe spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Lathan.

Rev. L. T. Mann, presiding elder of the Charlotte district, will preach especially to the young people at Prospect and Bethlehem churches Friday morning at eleven o'clock. Mr. Mann will also preach here Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock and conference will be held Monday morning. Everybody is urged to attend.

Born to Rev. and Mrs. M. A. Osborne, a daughter.

Mrs. Glenn Wolfe and Mrs. Rosser Wolfe of Monroe visited Mrs. P. W. Plyler last week.

The news of the death of Mrs. W. T. Stewart was a shock to the people of this community. Mrs. Stewart was reared near here and from her childhood had a host of friends. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to the bereaved family.

The Community Service League will meet Saturday afternoon. Everybody is invited to come.—Spriggs.

WILSON WILL WIN BY A SAFE AND WIDE MAJORITY

THAT IS THE OPINION OF NATIONAL CHAIRMAN OF PARTY

Impressive List of Independent Leaders and Thinkers Who Are Declaring For Him — President With Such a Record Should Not Be Repudiated at the Polls.

Vance C. McCormick, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, thinks that the people of the nation are rallying to the support of President Wilson, and he will be swept in by an overwhelming majority at the polls in November.

"Evidences are multiplying that the justice and strength of Woodrow Wilson's cause before the people of the United States," said he in a letter to a member of the administration, "will be approved by an overwhelming vote."

Mr. McCormick points out indications of Democratic gains. He sees signs of zeal and effective work everywhere.

"These evidences," said he, "are apparent in the active enthusiasm and earnest purpose of all Democrats in every State of the Union, from the leaders down to the rank and file; in President Wilson's rapidly growing strength among Independent, Progressive and Republican voters; and in the fact that throughout the country leaders of public opinion in all walks of life—professional men, scientists, educators, artists, editors and so on—are speaking out publicly and saying the best interests of the nation require, as Woodrow Wilson's record of performance in the office deserves, the re-election of the President."

"As for the first proposition, I think I need merely state that the national committee, to an extent certainly not exceeded at any time in the past, is in closer and better touch with the representatives of the Democratic organization in the so-called 'debatable States.' We hear from them all and frequently; and we find that Democrats are proud of Woodrow Wilson, and of the record he has made and are determined, every man of them, from those in the most responsible places, to spare no effort to bring out by far the largest Democratic vote ever polled in the history of the United States. We find it a matter both of party and of national patriotism with Democrats to see to it that a President who has made such a record as that made by President Wilson shall not be repudiated at the polls."

Support of Independents.

"The strength of the President's cause among the Independent, Progressive and Republican voters has been shown in the many announcements of accessions of leaders and voting bodies from these sources which have been made from time to time by the national committee. It is shown, too, in Wilson and Marshall Clubs which are not organized along party lines and in the enrollment of which in every State are to be found the names of thousands of men and women who have not heretofore and do not now class themselves as Democrats. It is exemplified also in the scope and magnitude of the work of the Woodrow Wilson Independent League, which, under the presidency of the Hon. William Kent of California, the only Independent member of Congress, has become an active factor in the politics of many States."

"As for individuals, could a more impressive list of names be gathered together than those of Thomas A. Edison, Luther Burbank, David Lubin, Ida M. Tarbell, Francis J. Haney, Amos Pinchot, Dr. Charles W. Elliott, Theodore H. Price, Henry Bruere, Mrs. Antoinette Funk, Harry A. Garfield (son of the Republican President, James A. Garfield), Ray Stanford Baker, Augustus Thomas, Prof. Lewis J. Johnson of Harvard, Bainbridge Colby, Roger Babson, etc.? I could extend the list indefinitely. These are the names of men and women—and there are tens of thousands more such—who have no axe to grind, no personal end to serve, no motive other than that of expressing and carrying out in so far as lies within their power the nation's ideals in this fall's period of reckoning and settlement."

"I find still another and a mighty good reason why I think Wilson is to win. The success of the plan of raising a campaign fund in small subscriptions from the people at large rather than through the channels of special interests has passed all expectations. By the tens of thousands, people of small or very modest means are paying their little to help the re-election of a 'peoples' President.' Could there be a better index of the trend of the popular judgment?"

"I can best sum it up by saying that President Wilson will be re-elected by a wide margin because when it comes to an issue of the crucial action right and justice ever prevail in the United States."

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Union county bids far to become one of the wealthiest in the State if the people keep up their present stride in making improvements. Cows are already getting to be common, and with a creamery running full time to keep up with orders, the dairy industry promises to reach large proportions in the course of time. Mr. Albert Redfern says that the Monroe Creamery has a market for a million pounds of butter a year, but they can't get enough cream.

Dr. John Blair says that more hay has been raised in this section this year than ever before to the best of his recollection. This means that the Western feed bill will be cut considerably, and more money kept at home.

Chickens and eggs are more plentiful than the average observer notes. There are several commission firms in the county that make a regular business of shipping eggs and chickens to other places. Messrs. J. L. Austin & Company of Wingate are one of the largest of these brokers. They ship anywhere from 50 to 200 chickens a day, and eggs. Last month they shipped over \$800 worth of chickens. Other houses report big sales. This means more money in the county.

The cotton crop is not so bad, either. Even some of those that were predicting half a crop several weeks ago have come across and admitted that the condition of the crop has improved considerably in the past few weeks. In the opinion of many Union county bids fair to raise 25000 bales this year.

WRITES UNDER DIFFICULTIES

Short Letter From Wingate on Account of Feeble Condition of Correspondent—Some News.

(By O. P. Timist.)

Wingate, Sept. 25.—Just ideal weather for the farmer. Cotton outdoing itself opening, corn drying out ready to be harvested and the unseasonable weather ever for the work. The only complaint lodged against the weatherman is that he has been too sparing with his rain to allow us to bring up the turnip crop which bids fair to be a complete failure. The price of cotton is, indeed, tempting to the faithful husbandman who has to struggle so hard to save it from the onslaught of General Green. But we must remember that every thing else that most farmers usually buy is proportionately high; hence the necessity of the practice of the most rigid economy in order to profit by high cotton prices.

Mrs. Calvin Nash and daughter, Mrs. Dan Howard, spent Sunday with the family of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Pounds, near Marshville.

Mr. E. C. Meigs returned Saturday night from his trip to Badin, and Pamerville. He brings a glowing account of the wonderful works about the famous Narrows. No one in reasonable reach of it should be ignorant of this gigantic undertaking right at the door and which will favorably effect the entire surrounding territory, if not the entire state. Go and see this wonderful accomplishment of men.

We were delighted to have present, as our guests, Friday afternoon, the following distinguished friends: Dr. John Blair, Mr. John Hensley and Mr. Richardson of Monroe and Mr. W. M. Perry of Wingate. The only thing that marred the joy and delight of the occasion was our inability to entertain these kind, loving and sympathetic friends in such manner as we felt that they so richly deserved. Hope they may be able to repeat the visit under more favorable conditions. We assure them that their sympathy, encouragements and compliments are duly appreciated.

Mr. "Bob" Sullivan, after undergoing several surgical operations and after all hopes of recovery given up by friends and physicians, has so far recovered as to be again at home and apparently enjoying life and none and friends to a high degree. His friends congratulate Mr. Sullivan on his victory over the old Grim Monster and hope that he may never have to undergo another ordeal.

Excuse me, friends for this short feeble effort. I have written it under trying circumstances and meager facilities. It's worth five dollars to the writer to write it, nevertheless it may not be worth a penny to the reader to read it. Hope to be able to do better next time.

The Wingate Betterment Club will meet Thursday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock in the school auditorium. It is urgently requested that every member be present. All new members will be welcomed. Let every body bring every body else. The program is as follows:

"Teaching girls to have high ideals."—Miss Caroline Webster.

"How to have efficient playgrounds."—Miss Ruby Lea.

"Should music be made a public school study?"—Miss Mary Boggan.

"School Luncheon."—round table discussion.

Every lady is invited to bring her work, whether plain or fancy.

MONROE HARDWARE CO.

WAS CRUSHED TO DEATH IN A MOLASSES MILL

TERRIBLE FATE BEFELL MR. ALEXANDER HELMS

His Head was Caught and Crushed Like a Shell While He Was Working at His Own Mill Last Saturday—Accident Took Place at Eleven O'clock and Victim Lived Till Late Afternoon—Survived by Wife and Nine Children.

Caught between the lever and frame of his own cane mill last Saturday the head of Mr. Alexander Helms was crushed like an eggshell, and he died that afternoon without ever having regained the slightest consciousness.

Mr. Helms was running a mill at his home some nine miles above Monroe in the Ebenezer church community, and there the accident took place at eleven o'clock. Mr. Elijah Little was helping him with the work at the mill and was the only eye witness of the terrible tragedy.

Mr. Little was feeding the mill, and Mr. Helms was carrying the sap from the mill to the evaporator. While he was in the act of filling a bucket, the lever caught his head between it and the frame, almost crushing the top of his head from below his ears on up. Both ears were torn loose, and the brains were oozing from the head. His head was mashed between a space of three and one-half inches. Mr. Little summoned aid immediately after the accident, but as already stated, Mr. Helms died that afternoon.

The tragedy was a shock to the entire community, and expressions of sympathy have been heard on all sides. Mr. Helms was a good man, and had earned the respect and confidence of his friends and neighbors. He was nearly 62 years old, and was a son of the late Thomas Helms. He is survived by his wife and nine children. Two brothers and two sisters also survive the deceased. They are: Messrs. T. R. Helms, A. Clark Helms, and Messdames J. T. Helms and G. W. Bancum.

The funeral took place Sunday and the remains were buried at the Lucy Helms burying ground. Rev. J. S. Simpson conducted the service.

Price's Mill News.

Correspondence of The Journal.

Price's Mill, Sept. 25.—Mr. and Mrs. James C. Laney and daughter, Ruby, of Charlotte spent the greater part of the week visiting relatives in this community.

Misses Lucy and Jennie Price of Weddington visited Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Price Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Rogers of Buford spent Sunday at Mr. J. N. Price's.

Mrs. Will Plyler and Miss Kate Crowell were honored guests of Mrs. W. H. Price Thursday evening.

The protracted meeting which has been going on at Siler for the past ten days closed last night.

Mr. M. C. Reid spent Thursday in Charlotte on business.

Miss Blake Reid is visiting her uncle, Mr. A. C. Penager of Monroe.

Mr. R. A. Rallings, who has been sick so long, is rapidly growing worse.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Moore spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. K. J. Craig.

Mrs. W. L. Craig spent the latter part of last week in Charlotte visiting relatives and friends. Miss Ola Craig returned home with her.

Mrs. Little and daughter, Nancy, called in to see Mrs. K. C. Craig Wednesday evening.

Bethlehem News.

Correspondence of The Journal.

Bethlehem, Sept. 26.—Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Funderburk of Tradesville spent the week-end with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Broom spent Saturday night at Mr. W. L. Belk's.

Mr. and Mrs. P. B. McNeely visited Mr. McNeely's parents Sunday.

Master Oscar Starnes has been real sick for the past week.

Mr. Tom Griffin has been suffering intensely with rheumatism for the last few weeks. On Thursday his neighbors expect to help him gather his crop.

Mr. and Mrs. P. V. Richardson spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Wolfe.

Christine is her name. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Belk are her happy parents. She came on the 15th of Sept. Congratulations hearty and unanimous to this happy young couple.

Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Mangum and children spent Sunday at Mr. T. B. Fincher's.

Mrs. Eugene Seecrest is spending the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. D. Starnes.

Miss Mabel Helms leaves this week for East Carolina Training School at Greenville.

Mrs. J. H. McWhorter, who has been very sick, is now some better.

It seems that Mrs. S. A. Fincher is having her share of sickness. Her older son, Harrison, who was taken to a hospital in Charlotte a few weeks ago for treatment, has returned much improved. Her daughter, Nora Lee, who has been in the hospital in Chester for the last fourteen weeks is now at home, not much better. Now she, her other son, Jackson, and another daughter, Bright, are very sick and have been unable to work for sometime. But her neighbors are showing the spirit of this community by going in and assisting in the gathering of the crop.—Frisky.

Don't forget to pull down the blinds if you live in a glass house.